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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	: Before the Examiner:
Michael Wayne Brown, et al.	: Gregory Cunningham
Serial No.: 10/059,011	: Group Art Unit: 2676
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Filed: 01/28/2002	: International Business Machines Corp.
Title: DISPLAYING TRANSPARENT	: 11400 Burnet Road
RESOURCE AIDS	: Austin, Texas 78758

Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Status of Application: Third Non-Final Office Action dated 4/14/2004 received after appeal.

Tentative Participants: (1) Applicants' representative - Amy J. Pattillo (2) Examiner Cunningham

Proposed Date of Interview: Prior to 7/7/04

Type of Interview: Telephonic

Exhibits to be shown or demonstrated: None

Issues to be Discussed with Short Description of Argument to be Presented:

- (1) Applicants request discussion a proposed amendment to claims 1 and 28 to overcome the teaching of Samar, and in particular col. 4 lines 39-45 of Samar.

Proposed Amendment:

1. A method for displaying resource aids in a display area, said method comprising the steps of:

monitoring a separate status of each of a plurality of computer resources comprising at least one processing resource, at least one storage resource, at least one memory resource, at least one software resource, and at least one graphical resource;

displaying a user interface comprising at least one displayable object within a display area with a plurality of separate cursor position sensitive regions each graphically distinguished within a total display region of said displayable object solely for triggering a transparent resource aid upon detection of a cursor, wherein each of said plurality of cursor position sensitive regions is assigned to a separate selection of monitored resources from among said plurality of monitored computer resources; and

responsive to [an initiating event, wherein said initiating event is a position of] detecting [a] said cursor positioned over a particular cursor position sensitive region from among said plurality of cursor position sensitive regions of said displayable object, placing [a] said transparent resource aid within said display area in association with said at least one displayable object, wherein said transparent resource aid presents said separate status of said separate selection of monitor resources assigned to said particular cursor position sensitive region, such that said at least one displayable object is not obscured by said transparent resource aid.

Respectfully submitted,



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